

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A male type rod-like connecting terminal of an electrical connector comprising a rod-like terminal connecting portion provided at a front end of the connecting terminal, said rod-like terminal connecting portion being connected to a corresponding female type connecting terminal of the electrical connector, and a wire clamping portion provided at a rear end of the connecting terminal, to said wire clamping portion an electric wire being to be connected, said rod-like connecting terminal being formed by bending and folding an electrically conductive metal plate, characterized in that said terminal connecting portion is consisting of a rod-like member having a substantially square cross section, said rod-like member being formed by bending upwardly both lateral sides of a strip portion of the electrically conductive metal plate to form raised portions, folding inwardly both upper ends of the raised portions and folding upwardly both the raised portions such that four layers of the metal plate are stacked in a lateral direction and the raised portions are closely contacted with each other without producing any space within the terminal connecting portion.

2. (Original) The male type rod-like connecting terminal according claim 1, wherein a front end of said terminal connecting portion is pressed into a projected shape.

3. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a male type rod-like connecting terminal of an electrical connector including a rod-like terminal connecting portion provided at a front end of the connecting terminal, said rod-like terminal connecting portion being to be connected to a corresponding female type connecting terminal of the electrical connector, and a wire clamping portion provided at a rear end of the connecting terminal, to said wire clamping portion an electric wire being to be connected, said rod-like connecting terminal being formed by bending and folding an electrically conductive metal plate, comprising:

bending upwardly both lateral sides of a strip portion of the metal plate from a base portion of the strip portion to form raised portions;

folding said raised portions inwardly toward the base portion of the strip portion;

folding the base portion of the strip portion such that four layers of the metal plate are stacked in a lateral direction and said raised portions are closely contacted with each other without producing any space within the terminal connecting portion; and

compressing a whole portion of the connecting terminal portion to have a substantially square cross section with a given dimension.